

# Maurice Hinchey NEWS

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### HINCHEY NAMED TO WEST POINT BOARD OF VISITORS

WASHINGTON - U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (NY-26) today was appointed to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Hinchey was appointed by Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert following a recommendation by House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt.

"I am very pleased to recommend Maurice Hinchey for appointment to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point," said Gephardt. "As a key member of the House Appropriations Committee, Maurice is deeply involved in funding decisions for our nation's military services and their educational institutions. I know that this role, and the proximity of Maurice's Congressional district to the Academy, make him an ideal person to monitor and work to improve the quality of West Point's programs."

The Board of Visitors is responsible for inquiring about and overseeing the Academy's morale and discipline, curriculum, instructions, physical equipment, fiscal affairs and academic methods. The board consists of presidential appointees and members of Congress.

"I am proud to be named to the West Point Board of Visitors and I appreciate the Minority Leader's confidence in me," Hinchey said. "I accept this responsibility with a full appreciation of the vital role West Point plays in training our future military leaders. This is an important time for the Academy and I will take my new position very seriously."